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At a meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society, held in Boston, on January 14, 1892, Dr. Samuel A. Green, in presenting a copy of an old journal, made the following remarks:—

Among the manuscript volumes belonging to the Historical Society is a diary of Lawrence Hammond, of Charlestown. kept two hundred years ago, which was given on March 11, 1858, by Miss Elizabeth Belknap, together with other books and manuscripts once owned by her father, the Rev. Dr. Jeremy Belknap. The journal consists of forty-three closely written pages, - though not always in regular sequence as to dates, - besides some blank ones, and was unbound when it came into the possession of the Society. It has since been bound, however; and in the copy now presented for the Proceedings nothing is omitted, with the exception of a few pages on ancient history and King Henry VIII., though no attempt has been made to arrange the entries in chronological order. A minute scrutiny of the folds of the paper comprising the volume seems to show that once, before it came here, there were more leaves in the book than there are now, and perhaps in tearing off the missing portion, presumably for the most part blank, in order to use the paper, some of the writing was lost,

At different periods this diary has been consulted by several historians, who refer to it in their pages. Thomas Prince, in the Preface to his Annals (page vii), mentions it as "An Original Journal of the late Capt. Lawrence Hammond of Charlestown and Boston, from 1677 to 1694, inclusively"; and in a note written by him on a letter from Thomas Hinckley to Isaac Foster, he refers to certain entries in the journal not now found there. (See Collections, 4th series, V. 13.) Dr. Jeremy Belknap, in his History of New Hampshire (I. 151,

note), speaks of it as "a MS journal found in Prince's collection, and supposed to have been written by Captain Lawrence Hammond of Charlestown"; and uses it as authority for certain statements relative to an attack near Dover by the Mohawk Indians (I. 153), as well as for statements relative to the appointment of a commission to make a treaty of peace with the Indians (I. 158), — whereas neither of these events is even alluded to in the manuscript volume. This comparison shows that in Prince's day the journal extended over the same period of time as it covers now; and, furthermore, that then, as well as in Dr. Belknap's day, it contained more entries than it has now. These differences may be explained, perhaps, by the absence of leaves in certain folds of the book that I have already noted. All the missing entries occur within a period of less than thirteen months, and probably filled only a few pages of the diary. From these omissions our late associate, Charles W. Tuttle, Esq., was led to infer that once there were two separate and distinct journals kept by the writer. See his paper in the Proceedings XIII. (314) of this Society, which was presented at the meeting held on June 11, 1874.

Captain Hammond was made a freeman of the Colony on May 23, 1666, and for several years was chosen a Deputy to the General Court from Charlestown. In 1686 and several following years he was the Recorder of Middlesex County, whose duties corresponded very nearly to those of the present Registers of Deeds and Probate combined. He took an active interest in military matters, and was a Lieutenant and the Captain of a foot company in Charlestown. His death took place in Boston, on July 29, 1699.

1687/8

March 9th The Disease of y° meazles hath prevailed exceedingly in this land, it began in Boston in y° summer & spread since into all parts of y° Country, few have dyed thereof.

It began in our Towne ye beginning of Winter & hath gone almost through every family.

Franc Hamond fell sick wth it about a month agoe. he kept at Widow Peachees.

Betty Hammond soone after him. W^m Gerish at Boston about a month agoe

Meazles Abigail Hammond at Salem about ye same time, or before. Parson Gerish in my family about ye 22d of february.

Betty Gerish March ye 7th in our family, are now very ill. Bethia Gerish Little Laurence)

12 All well recovered through Gods mercy. Our Maid Tryal sick also & recovered.

This day we began to remove our Goods to Mr. Tucks house having hyred ye southerly end for a Lease of 7 years, to pay £5.0.0 p annum.

30 Fra: Hammond shipt on board Mr Shrimptons barque, W. Everton M. bound for ye Madera.

April 1 Skipper [William] Hurry made his first Voyage for this

yeare fro. Pascataq, [Portsmouth, N. H.] loaden wth boards &c

3 This day, I deliured ye key of Dr Chickerings house to Mrs [Hannah] Hunting, wife of Capt Sam: Hunting, who received ye same of me. B. Jos. Gerish carryed home his Daughter Betty from our house this day.

6 I recd of M. Ju. Parker of Redding for acco. of Tho. Tayler sent of sd Towne 34's for Costs of Court & 50's. in full of all accompts.

23 Munday. Training day. We Examin'd Armes & Ammunitio I dismissed Samuel Kettle from being Drummer & Sergeant Richd. Lowden from being Sergt of ye Company, at both their re-Training quests; I made Samuel Kettle youngest Sergt & Nathaniel Kettle Drummer of ye Company.

This day came into our family Elizabeth Nevenson, daughter of Mr Jnº Nevinson & Elizabeth his wife, who wilbe 13 yeares of age ye 22d day of October next: The verbal Covent betweene my Betty wife & Mrs Nevenson is, that she ye sd Elizabeth shall dwell Nevinson

with my wife as a serv! six yeares, to be taught, instructed & provided for as shalbe meet, & yt she shall not depart from our family during ye said time without my wives consent.

24 I waited on the Governour to Concord, to vizit Major Bulkeley.

25 The Governor took his Journey to ye Eastward, & returned back May 28th following.

May 3 Was kept by Boston old Church, our Towne & Dorchester in fasting & prayer, more especially for raine, it having been an exceeding dry Spring & great signs of a Drought. And God was pleased to hear prayers, & to give an answer in part that night in sending a very refreshing shower about two houres long, & a plentifull raine the begining of ye following week.

My wife & I rod to Wenham this day, being fryday, & continued there till wednesday following. from thence we came to Wenham Salem y' day & staid till ye next; & then came home.

25 Major Peter Bulkeley dyed this day & was privately buryed on ye Sabbath being ye 27th day.

Majr. June 9 My wife & I rod to Concord to Visit Mad. Bulkley Bulkly's (being Saturday) & returned home on tuesday following. death

This Evening Mr Sampson Sheafe was set upon in Boston Comon, & knockt downe & robbed by two Ruffins, One Hambleton (lately a Lodger at his house) being present, who it is judged hyred them to do it; he Whistling wn he met Mr Sheafe, these fellowes immediately fell upon him: ye Ruffins fled, Hambledon in Custody

11 A thunder shower in ye Afternoone, very fierce in these two
Townes; struck Mr Sheafe's house in Boston, split severall
timbers & shattered others, strook his wife on her face, but

she recd no great hurt.

Lustcom 10 Major Humphry Lustcomb [Liscom] of Boston dyed of a feaver.

West 13 I went to Boston, & paid M! West 46/s. money, went I rect of our County Treasurer, for Acts by him sent to this county, went was allowed in March Court.

Note that ever since ye fast on May 3.d much raine hath seasonably & mercyfully fallen; so that at this day ye fruits of ye earth are all in a very flourishing rate, praised be God!

1688/9

March 7 About a fortnight agoe two men of Chelmsford, who were Cousen-Germans, who also marryed two sisters, went out wth their Guns together to kill Ducks &c. ye one going just before ye other, the Gun in ye hand of ye hindmost man went off, & shot ye foremost man in ye back, whereof he presently Dyed: & when ye Gun was Lookt upon, ye Cock was found at halfe bent, guarded wth ye Dog on ye outside, & the Hammer close down upon the pan; ye man not touching ye Lock after it fired, but threw ye gun down, & Ran to ye wounded man; Noe man knowing how ye powder shth take fire, unless it were by a spark of fire from ye foremost mans tobacco pipe (wth he had in his mouth when shot) carryed by ye wind between ye Barrel & Hammer of ye Gun, tho' no spark was seen by either of them; the hindmost man had no pipe lighted or fire about him: A strange providence!

Mr Sam. Whiting Minister of Billerica Related it to me this day.

Anno 1688. In New england, One J Brodbent an Exciseman and a Hectoring Debauchee, Resid! in Boston (where too many of the same stamp, have lately multiplyed) meeting an Honest, Ingenious Countryman upon the Road, enquired of him, what Newes Countryman? who Replyed, I know none: the other then Replyed, Ill tell you som; What is it? (said ye Countryman); said the other, The Devil is Dead: How? said ye Countryman, I believe not that; Yes, said ye other, he is dead for certaine: Well then, said ye Countryman, if he be dead, he hath left many fatherless Children in Boston.

An Eminent Deliverance of M^e Jn? Hale Minister of Beverly & his family from Lightning, Febr: 19, 1685.

His Relation wherof is this. My wife, two maids & two Children were by ye kitchin fire; myself with Deacon Hill in my study, & hearing ye thunder smart, were going down to Comfort ye family below, & as we came to ye head of ye Staires (D. Hill part down) we were both struck wth Lightning in our right Armes & right Legs, yet neither of us heard ye thunder, or saw ye Lightning; He was Less strook, & sooner got down staires; I was struck down upon my knees, by ye post we use to lay hands on, as we goe up & down staires, & unable to stirr for som time; but heard som of my family crying out of hurt below: at last I got down, my foot as if it were dead, & Leg full of paine, but wth help got to lie down on a bed; my Elbow seemed out of joynt, & Arm hung down like a stick, wth mch paine in it, but my fingers seemed dead: I have a bruise on my face, but suppose it might be with my fall. In less yn an hour, I found life in all my Limbs, & yt no bone was broken or out of joynt, unless som small starting out of a bone in my wrist (praised be ye Lord) I find ye post I was by shivered on 3 sides. But to com to ye Rest; ye Lightning came downe ye Chimney, brake out som bricks just above ye mantletree; Hurt my wife & English maid on their heads, & ve Negro on her right Arm, vet all pretty well againe (thro' mercy) it bowed out two paines of glass in ye kitchin but brake out no glass, & on ye other side ye house beat out ye bottom of a paile, & touched severall pewter platters: on ye top of ye kitchin Chimney it brake out about 20 bricks; & on ve other side of ye Roof made an hole about 8 foot long, & then beat out ye North end of ve kitchin Chamber about 8 foot long & 3 foot wide, & tore out many other boards at yt end. without doores it killd me a Cow, & in ye stable one Lamb, weh ve Lord accepted of instead of our Lives. How unsearchable are his wayes & paths past finding out &c. I find no mark on my body, but a blue spot on my heele a 1 of an Inch long & 1 so wide. & somwhat sore, & one spot on ve sole of my foot, but not sore. taken out of his own Letter sent to his Bro: Wilson in Charlestowne.

A Remarkable Experim! tryed npon a Deaf & Dumb man.

Wee pricked a knife's point (saith M^t Morton in his Discourse of ye sense of Hearing) into ye belly of an Harpsicot, causing him to hold ye haft in his Teeth, then two of us severally played in his sight, ye one Harmonically som Tunes, ye other afterward struck a Confused Discord, clashing many of ye keyes at once: ye poor man expressed wonderfull Joy at ye Harmony, & embraced him y^t had played it; but withall showed as m^{ch} displeasure & Contempt of him y^t had troubled

him wth ye Discord. Then blindfold we set him in ye former posture; & he y^t before had Clashed, now play'd Regularly; & ye other y^t before had made musick, now Jumbled wth ye keyes, this we did severall times, shifting hands as we thought fit: & between every time unbound his Eyes. The man still after a musical playing shewed his kindness & gratitude to him whom he had seen play, wⁿ at first it pleased him, & so on the contrary. By w^{ch} it appeared plainly, y^t tho' he mistook ye persons, yet he very well peeived y^e sound & it's affections, & Distinguished betweene y^e Harmony & y^e Discord, wth an answerable satisfaction, or Regret.

M' Morton gives this Instance to note a probability y' y' mouth is not devoid of a power of perceiving sound; & y' by ye tender nerves of y' Teeth. &c.

A Violent Noyse may so Disorder the Brayn, as to render it unapt for its proper functions, ever after.

An Instance wherof, M^r Morton Relates (in his Discourse of ye sense of Hearing) in a Child, carryed in Armes, but of a quick apprehension, a Drum being beat close to ye child suddainly, as soon as ye Drum began to beat, ye child was Imediately taken wth a grievous Convulsion, the Countenance Distorted, & all understanding driven away; & so it continued for wⁿ it was of 20 yeares of age, he saw it a Natural foole; & enquiring ye Cause, his parents gave the afores beat of ye Drum as ye reason, tho, he Remembers not y^t ye hearing was therby much Impaired.

1689

April 18 Since the change of Government in this Land, by ye Vacating our Chartar, & setting up a new form, first by a presid! & Council, weh was done May 13th 1686, upon ye Arrival of ye Rose frigot, wherin M. Edw. Randolph brought a Comission for Mr Jos. Dudley, Presid! & sundry other Gentlemen to be of ye Council; and then by a Governour & Council, upon the arrival of Sr Edmd Andros, in the Kingfisher on ye 18th day of December Anno 1686, whose Comission from King James ve 2d. Constituted ve said Sr Edmd to be Capt Generall & Governo! in Chiefe of his Majties Territory & Dominion of Newengland, in web Commission sundry persons were joyned in Comission web him as his Council: After weh other plantations were added to ye same Governm! as Connecticut, New-york, East & west Jerzy &c. wherby ye Territory under ye same Governour was Extended to near 600 miles in length: I say these changes befell us, great & manyfold oppressions by fines, Imprisonm's, illegal & arbitrary prosecutions of many particular persons began to grow upon us, with Excessive charges in all Lawsuits & other matters in Courts, as also a claiming in ye name of ye King, all our Lands, especially such Lands as were not under personall & particular Improvemts, & ye same in part, (& more designed to be) given to such who would petition & pay yearly acknowledgmts & the large

fees stated, for ye same, besides many other grievances we'no way appeared to redress, but men were made offenders for a word &c. people in Boston & in ye Townes adjacent did this day rise as one man, & having seized Capt George Commander of ye Rose & others; Drums were beat in Boston & sundry persons appearing form'd themselves into Companyes under ye Comand of such Leaders as were well approved of for ye Design in hand: The Governor & severall others who had been his Creatures, fled to ye fort. & there stood upon their defence; above a thousand men were soon in Armes in Boston, chiefly of y Towne, & partly from Charlestowne, & Roxbury; also six or 700 men marched down out of Middlesex to Charlestown ye same day under ye Comand of Capt Nath. Wade, & there quartered yt night, ye Companies in Armes at Boston, Marched to ye fort, took ye lower fort with ye great Artillery; ye Redcoates ordered by ye Governor to Issue out of ye fort & fire upon them, but being come down ye Hill fired not a gun, but ran back to ye fort againe: Boston having taken ye lower fort & great Guns, Loaded them, & planted ym right against ye fort; then Simon Bradstreet Esq. wth divers, Gentlemen, some of ye Council, & others of ye former Governmt, formd yms. into a Council & sent in writing to ye Governor under their hands, their advice to him to surrender ye Governm! & forts, least ye Country now up should storm ye same, & take it by force, weh would be ye occasion of bloodshed, &c. The Governor wth others at length came down to ye Council, sitting in y° Town house; & after some discourse resignd all up

An Acco^t of my severall Marriages, to whom, & y^e time wⁿ, & y^e time of the deaths of such of yⁿ as God hath removed: Also y^e Names of my children whom God hath graciously given me, by whom, wⁿ borne, & y^e time of y^e decease of such whom God hath bereaved me of.

I was marryed to Audria Eaton, a Virgin, in Charlestowne in New england (who came ye yeare before from London) on ye 30th day of September 1662, who dyed in child-bed in Charlestowne on ye 27th day of August 1663.

I was marryed to M^{rs} Abigail Willet, widow of M! Jn° Willet, Youngest Daught' of M! Edward Collins of Meadford in N. England, on ye 12th day of May 1665, who Dyed of a Malignant feaver on ye first day of february 167\frac{3}{4} in ye morning

I was marryed in Charlestowne to M^{rs} Margaret Willoughby, widow of Francis Willoughby Esq. on y° 8th day of February 167⁴/₅.

Margaret who dyed of a feaver on y° 2th day of February 168²/₃.

I was marryed in Charlestowne to M^{rs} Anne Gerrish, widow of Dr W^m Gerrish on y^c 14th day of January 168^t/₃, whom God yet is pleased to spare to me

By my wife Audria, I had a sonne, named Francis, borne August y° 19th 1663, who about y° age of 18 yeares was bound to M! Nicho: Follet, Marriner of Pascataqua for 5 yeares; whose time being expired,

He went to sea upon His own Accot, having ye Commendation of all yt knew Him for Sobriety & good proficiency in ye Marriner's Art, & very hopefull in reference to true piety. The last Voyage He made was from Boston in a Vessel of Colonel Shrimpton's. We Everton Mt bound for Madera's, after their discharge from yt port they touched at Barmuda, & from thence home; & on ye 24th day of November 1688, being come into Nantasket Bay, betw: 7 & 8 at night, ye wind not serving to com up, they came to an Ankor; my son Francis was in ye foretop, furling ye foretopsaile, & from thence fell downe, struck upon ye ship-side, & into ye Sea, being (as its thought) struck dead wth ye blow, soon sunk, & was never more seen, no boat nor hands ready to save him.

By my wife Abigail, I [had] one son & four Daughters.

Martha. 1. Martha: borne ye 6th of April 1666. who dyed ye 7th of June. 1666.

Abigail, 2. Abigail, borne ye 27. of April 1667, yet living.

John. 3. John, borne ye 1^{st} of May 1669, who dyed ye 8 of Sept 1669

Jane. 4. Jane. borne y° 10th of August 1670, who dyed y° 25 of Deebr 1681.

Elizabeth 5. Elizabeth, borne ye 13th of July. 1672. yet living.

By my wife Margaret I had no Child.

By my present wife Anne, I had Laurence, borne November ye 23d Laurence

1685. who dyed the 1st day of October 1689. by bladdt grown in his throat, begun on fryday Sept 28th web ended his life on tuesday folls betw: 7 & 8 at night. (a pleasant child)

Francis Also Francis, borne Sep! 13th about one in ye morning, yet Living, tho' now ill.

This Record I have here made this 2^d day of Octob^t 1689.

Attested by LAUR. HAMMOND.

Francis, my youngest sonne, taken wth a Hoarsnes in y^e morning before day, dyed this 2^d day of October 1689, betweene 8 & 9 at night of y^e same distemper (as we Judg) wherof his brother Laurence dyed y^e night before. They were both buryed in one Grave October 4th following. All my 3 sonnes dead within y^e Compass of a yeare. Of eight Children w^{eh} God hath given me, but two Daughters (Abigail & Elizabeth) are now living. The Lord gives, & y^e Lord takes; blessed be y^e name of y^e Lord.

Nov. 1 M^r Tho: Fairweather sailed for London, in a New ship built by M^r [Samuel] Ballat this yeare. M^r Rich^d Daniel saild in him fryday morning.

January 30 This day my Daughter Abigail was joyned in Marriage unto Luke Greenough son of M. W. Greenough of Boston, Shipwright, by M. Charles Morton Minister at Charlestowne.

February 10 This day sailed from Boston bound for London, M. Bant

& in him S' Edm^d Andross, late Gov! of Newengland, M' Jos. Dudley, M' Palmer, M' Randolph M' West, M' Graham & others, who are sent home to y^e King, as by his Letter arrived here in November last.

Likewise M^r Rich^d Martin sailed y^e same day, & in him D^r Elisha Cook D^r Thomas Oakes & M^r Icchabod Wiswall, who are sent by y^e Convention to Implead y^e afores^d Gentlemen. They Anchored at Nantasket, y^e wind coming Southerly. M^r Martin Anchored not, but saild direct away.

11 Court of Midd's holden in Charlestown by adjournmt, Jn's Walker tryed about being ye father of a Bastard child, brought forth by Mary Phipps Solomon Phipps Lame Daughter. She lays it to him, ye child dead.

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February 12 The Convention removed from Boston (y^c smallpox encreasing there) to Charlestowne this day.

- 15 Cap! Bant, wth Sr Edmund &c is said to Sail from Nantasket for London.
- 19 M^r Rob^t Wallis of this Town, sailed for London, in a Brigantine, M^r Woodgate saild in her.

John Rayner came in from ye Bay of Campeach, loaden wth logwood.

21 The Convention, adjourned to

March 1 Satuday, Wind high, at W. fair & cold:

- 2. Stephen Codman's child baptized. Wind at W. High & cold.
- 3. Generall meeting of y^e Inhabitants of Charlestowne, to choose Officers

Constables chosen are Mr. Wm Welsted senr.
Natha! Kettle
Natha! Davis.
Joseph Frost.

Selectmen chosen are Capt Richd Sprague
Peter Tuffts
Richd Lowden
Nathal Rand
Peter Fowle
Samt Hunting
James Miller.

Clerk of ye Writts chosen is Laur. Hammond

Wind at W N W. blew very hard & cold

L' Nickols 4 Tuesday, wind at S. a fair, moderate day.

fell & brake his 5 Wedensday, wind at E., & snow: at night wind at leg N. W. & cleer, blew hard

6 Thursday, Publ. Fast. Wind at W. & N. W. blew very hard all day & all night Extream Cold freezing weather.

7 Fryday, clear day, wind at N. W. blew very hard, Extream cold & freezing.

8 Saturday, Haizy sky, wind at N. W. blew moderate, but exceeding cold, som snow in y° afternoon, wind at S. W. in y° night N W. blew hard & Exceeding cold.

March 9 Lord's day, wind at N. W. blew hard an Exceeding cold freezing day, clear weath!

10 Munday, wind at W. blew fresh, Exceeding cold morning, afternoone more moderate: a very sharp, freezing night.

11 Tuesday, wind at W. a moderate, still day.

County Court sat by Adjournmt at Charlestowne, & allowed of ye Towne's choise of me for Clerk of ye writts.

- 12 Wedensday, wind at S. E. & E. snow ye forenoone, rainey, misty afternoon, moderate
 - 13 Thursday, wind at N. E. som raine, still, moderate, cloudy day.
- 14 Fryday, wind at E. & snow afternoone, cloudy, still, moderate day.
- 15 Saturday, wind at E. still cloudy, morning, then snow & yⁿ raine Clutterbuck all [nit, in cypher]: M. Clutterbuck arrived from y^e Canaries with wine, yesterday.
- 16 Lords day, Raine all day, moderate weather, wind at E. clear at night wind at W. M. Morton preached in y. forenoone, & Administred y. Sacram!: this is y. first time I was at y. Sacram!, since my confinem! Young M. Peirpoint Afternoon.

17 Munday, Wind at W. N. W. blew a hard gale in ye forenoon; little, afternoone. a calm, moderate night.

18 Tuesday; wind E. came to S in y^c Evening & cloudy; blew fresh in y^c night.

19 Wedensday wind at S. & raine till near Noon, y. fair, wind at S. W & moderate.

20 Thursday, a fair day, wind at N. moderate weather, wind came to N. E. Major Appleton & L'Stacey Lodged our House: ye Convention still in Charlestown. This day came a post enforming y' yesterday, ye Indians came to Nuchawanick [Berwick, Maine] & had don meh spoile.

21 Fryday, wind at N. E. cloudy, cold day, som raine in ye night. Maj. Apleton & His L' lodged againe at our house.

The Enemy at Nuchawannick have burned about 30 Houses, & Nuchawan-'killd & carryd away about 80 persons; where f about 30 nock destroyed men. they were set upon by a parcel of English y' came to ye Town's reliefe, they fought till night parted y'' 2 of our men slaine & about 7 or 8 much wounded: we know not of one Indian slaine: one frenchman taken prisoner: ye Enemy said to be not above 60. ye meeting house burnt.

¹ For other particulars of this attack, see Proceedings, vol. xiv. p. 126.

22 Saturday. Wind at N. E. a cold, cloudy day. Maj! Appleton went home.

a man drownd Yesterday a man fell out of a shallop in ye river coming up to this Town & was drowned, it was Vee's shallop.

our Cow Calved 23 Lords day, a cloudy, moderate day, wind at S. at night, warm, moist Aire, wind blew hard in yo night.

24 Munday, wind at S. blew very hard, dark showry weather; wind at S. E. in Evening & m^{ch} raine till about 10 at night;

25 Tuesday, wind at S. W. blew very hard, fair: calm tow^{ds} evening, rain at night, wind at N. E. My wife & I went to Boston, visited Mf Clutterbuck.

26 Wedensday, wind at N. E. & raine at times till within night, weather moderate

27 Thursday, wind at N. W. blew fresh, fair, moderate weather.

28 Fryday, wind at N. E. Haizy weather, moderate.

March 29 Saturday, wind at E. & raine, moderate weather.

30 Lord's day, wind at S. W. a fair moderate day, Moon changed.

31 Munday, wind at S. E. & N. E. & calm at nigh[t], a fair moderate day. All this week to saturday, fair weather & seaturns every day, calm nights. I went wth my wife & son & Daughter Greenough to Winnisimet.

April 2 Wedensday, I planted my Rose pease.

4 Fryday, my wife & I walked to Ben: Bowers.

6 Lords-day, wind at W & N. W. blew fresh, fair, cool day. M. Metcalf Metcalf made his confession before ye Church of ye sin of fornication.

7 Munday, wind at N. a fair, moderate day, wind at N. E. in ye night
Welsted Mr Welsted in Gov! Andrews Sloop, sailed for London,
being sent by ye present Governmt on ye 2 or 3d instant.

8 Tuesday, wind at N. E. som snow in y° forenoon, then rain all day, a storm of wind & rain at night.

28 Sr W^m Phipps Chiefe & about 700 men in 3 or 4 Vessels fitted as men of Warre (Cypr: Southdeck, who rec^d a fre of mart from y^e King being one) saild, heing design'd by those now in Governm^t agst y^e french forts at y^e Eastward to take y^m.

May 4 Lords day, a Brave soaking Raine.

From thence until ye 14th day dry, faire, moderate, weather.

14 Raine, very refreshing; wind at N. E. & E.

12 Arrived from London Tho. Gilbert in Mr Belchar's ship.

15 Thursday, wind blew fresh at S. W. fair, moderate weather, a shower.

17 Saturday, a considerable raine in ye night preceding & this morning, wind at E.

Casco { This day & yesterday fatal for ye desolating of Casco by ye Enemy, as ye news of it was brought to us on Munday night pticulars not known, all killd & taken.

22 Thursday, News from Sr W^m Phipps, y^e forts [at Port Royal] surrendered, much plunder taken.

My wife & I rod this day to Wenham, to B! Gerrish's

28 Wedensday, we returned home, thro' Salem, dined at Benja Gerrish's & thence home in ye Evening.

Election carryed on this day as foll. viz.

Simon Bradstreet Esq., Gov. Tho. Danforth. D. G.

July 3 Our Cow went to L! Nickol's pasture in ye Evening of this day.

August 3 A fire brake out in Boston, betw: 2 & 3 in ye morning, by ye Millbridge, we consumed about 30 Buildings, ye cause not known. a Young man's thigh being brake, he dyed soon.

9 The Fleet, consisting of about 32 Ships & Vessels, wth about 2200 men, under S. W^m Phipps, General, bound to Canada, agst

ye French, saild this Evening.

14 A Seizure was made of Cot. Potter & all his Letters, who being sent by Capt Nickolson, Gov! of Virginia, hether by Land, was ready to return back to him, with a great quantity of Letters to him & others, weh tree so seized by a Warrt from som in Boston, were opened & read by ye Conneil, & som kept, & som redelivered to ye Messenger, & suffered to depart ye next day: Som have been called to accot for wt they writ, & others expect ye like. How congruous this is to ye obtaining their Charter, they have been suing for, & how acceptable it wilbe to his Majtie ye world may judge.

Sept 5 Jos. Lynde jun saild for Barbados in a Ketch, W^m Gerish sailed wth him at 20/s 7 mens.

16 A fire brake out in Boston, this night about 11 of ye Clock, in the house of one Cornish, & so prevaild yt 5 Houses were burnt by ye South Meeting-house, Lt Reynalds stone House, ye timber work all consumed, in ye flame wherof, ye Meeting house was several times fired, but by ye Industry & activity of Capt Cypr: Southdeck, & som others, (thro' God's great mercy) ye fire was still put out, & ye Meeting

Fire house preserved, we had if fire prevaild upon, ye whole Town, at least to Leeward, had been endangered, ye wind blowing fresh at S. W.

a youth about 12 years of age was consumed in ye flames in the s. Cornish's House.

It is said, yo Man of yo House himself had earelesly stuck up a lighted Candle ago! yo elaboards within yo House, & yo went forth to an Alehouse to drink, & forgetting his Candle, there staid till his house was on fire.

 1 Other particulars of this fire are found in the "PUBLICK OCCURRENCES Both FOREIGN and DOMESTICK. Boston, Thursday $Sept.\ 25th,\ 1690,"$ the first newspaper ever printed on this continent. See "The Historical

17 My Daughter Abigail Greenough, was delivered this morning about 3 of ye Clock of a Daughter, ye her full time not being com, by at least a month.

Nov. The first Vessel Returned from Quebeck, bring newes of our defeat there, all Returning home, many dead & more sick of small-pox, fevers & fluxes, besides som slain by ye Enemy; like to be a great mortality.

Decemb^r 1 A Pink, wheref M^r Jos. Buckly was M^r full Loaden, bound for Jamaica, by carelessnes of 2 persons on board, was fired & burnt to y^e water. she rode at Anchor in Boston.

22 The Green Dragon in Boston, kept by Mother Wilmot (now Smith) took fire between 12 & one this Morning, & burnt down, no other House fired, no wind & good help, & snow upon y° Neighbor Houses, was a means of their prevation. Very little in y° House saved.

Fire 27 About 2 in ye morning Capt Dan. Turin's shop was burnt down (; no other mischiefe yt I hear of) in Boston.

1691

May 13 Hyred a Cow of Abrah. Hill, for ye Summer, from this day till 7ther 13th for 20/s. she is put into ye pasture yt was Lieut Nichols, to pay 20/s. for Sumering.

This Cow proving unruly & unlucky, so as none could milk her, was returned to Hills ye same day.

14 Agreed wth Jn^o & Hannah Newel jun! for halfe y^e milk for this Summer wth y^e Cow we sold y^m shall give, until y^e season for Housing coms. We paying for her pastorage, wth is to be 20/s as abovesaid.

19 Mr. Mary Trumbal & ye Wife of Sam. Reid, being sentenced at an Adjournm! of ye pretended Court in this County on fryday 15th instant to pay a fine of £5.0.0. each, & give bond of £20.0.0 wth sureties for ye good behaviour, & not to sell any more drink, were Ordered to stand Committed till ye sentence were fulfilled hereupon Sam. Gookin, ye pretended Marshal, takes yth under his Custody & puts yth into Mr. Jackson's House, & there orders yth to abide; where they stayed ythight & until Munday ye 18th; but they sending to ye Marshal for a

Magazine" (I. 228-231), August, 1857, for a copy made by me thirty-five years ago. The account of the fire is as follows:—

"Altho' Boston did a few weeks ago, meet with a Disaster by Fire, which consumed about twenty Houses near the Mill-Creek, yet about midnight, between the sixteenth and seventeenth of this Instant, another Fire broke forth near the South-Meeting-House, which consumed about five or six houses, and had almost carried the Meeting-house itself, one of the fairest Edifices in the Country, if God had not remarkably assisted the Endeavours of the People to put out the Fire. There were two more considerable Circumstances in the Calamities of this Fire, one was that a young man belonging to the House where the Fire began, unhappily perished in the Flames; it seems that tho' he might sooner awake than some others who did escape, yet he some way lost those Wits that should have taught him to help himself. Another was that the best furnished PRINTING PRESS, of those few that we know of in America was lost; a loss not presently to be repaired."

Coppy of their Mittimus, he told ye Messenger he had none, but supposed ye Clerk had it; Sam. Phipps ye Clerk being spoken wth, said, he had none, but he believ'd ye Marshal had it, & if he had none, ye there was none granted. These Women hereupon were advised to return to their families, for they could not be deteined prison without Mittimus longer ye ye Court was sitting; by colour of no Law; we Court ended on ye said 15th instant. They accordingly came to their Houses on Munday.

But on this 19th day, comes ye said Gookin to Charlestown, & without any Warrt brake open Mr. Trumbal's House, Robt Wyer's House & Dan. Smith's House, where he found & seiz'd Mr. Trumbal; His Warrt being demanded for so doing, he said, he was ye Kings Officer & needed no Warrt; & yt by vertue of his office he could break open any house, or all ye Houses in Town, if he saw meet, or words to this effect.

Cap! Spragne told me, y^t in his hearing at Geo. Monk's in Boston, & in y^e Hearing of many more, M^r Andrew Belcher of Charlestown, on y^e 18th instant did say, y! y^e Jury y^t found Leysler & his Accomplices guilty, & Dudley y^e Judg who Condemu'd y^m to death, deserved to be Hanged y^m. & it was pitty Dudley had not been Hanged wⁿ he was in England. present at y^e same time Piam Blower, Benj^a Alford & many others.

20 Pretended Election at Boston.

June 2 Their Court adjourned to October

3 Elizabeth Robinson came to us, to serve for Wages at £3.0.0. v^e yeare

July 25 One Rich^d Lilly, com in from y^e Westindies in one Robinson y^e day before, being handing small Armes into Charles Hopkins boat at Boston, to be carryed on shore, took one Gun & holding y^e muzzle tow^d Hopkins, said, old man here's a gun for you, & immediately y^e Gun fired & shot y^e said Hopkins into y^e body, wherof he presently dyed. This Hopkins wife is Mai! Henchman's sister: & Rich^d Lilly is old Lilly's son y^e Cooper.

August 4 By a Vessel from New-York, we have ye sad Newes of Col. Henry Sloughter's death, ye Kings Gov! there, who dyed suddenly. Sep! 2 At Dunstable, one man, his wife & son & patrick Mark's Daughter killd by Indians.¹

29 Barachiah Arnold, Arrived from London.

Octob. 2 Cap! Jnº ffoy sailed for London.

 $Sep^t\ 21$ -Cap! W^m Symms dyed of a feaver.

Octob. 16 Mr Rich. ffoster sailed for London.

25 One Gutteridge & his wife & 3 more, Living in ye bounds of Rowly were Murthered by Indians, two more of ye family missing. this was on ye Sabbath Evening.

26 A mercht & a master, lately com from Bristoll (ye merchts name

¹ The victims of this murderous assault were Joseph Hassell, Anna, his wife, and Benjamin, their son, and Mary, daughter of Peter Marks. The scene of the massacre lies now within the limits of the city of Nashua, New Hampshire.

was Martindale) & one Shortridge, Mr Gilbert's Mate, & 2 other men, all Drowned, coming up from y° Hands in y° night, wind at N. W. in Gilberts Yaul, supposed to overset. y° Wind blowing very hard, not one saved.

It is Reported, another family is Cut off by yo Enemy at Aimsbury

this night.

Novemb. 8 A Violent Storm of Wind & Rain at S. did much harm to Wharfes &c.

One man Drowned out of a Woodboat in y° South River on Mistick-side, a Boston man.

- 12 A flight of snow about an hour, Wind at N. W. w^{ch} continued blowing very hard, & Extream Cold, freezing weather, till Saturday Evening y^e 14th.
 - 14 John ffoster sailed for Barbadoes.
- 16 At night, began a Storm at N. E. very much Wind, Snow & Haile all night. Less wind y° next day, snow continued more or less till night. A Vessel from Madera Castaway at Cape Cod this storm, one More was master. men, & most of y° Goods saved.
 - 18 A clear, sharp day, fresh gale at N. W.
- 22 Fair, sunshine weather Wind at N. W. & freezing nights & mornings all the last week from ye 18th day till this day, which there was little or no Wind; cloudy at night;
- 23 Munday, Wind at S. E. cloudy, moderate weather; Rain at night, all night, more or less.
- 24 Tuesday, Wind at N. & NNE. moist, misty weather & Cold: but thawing.
- 25 Wedensday: Wind at N & NNE. Bleu hard in y^e morning & snow all day more or less, cold, but thawing.
 - 26 Thursday, Wind at N. W. fair Weather.
- 29 Sabbath, a Very cold day, snow & rain at night, Wind S. E. Little of it

Nov. 30 Munday, Wind at N. W. cloudy, misty weather, clear at night. I went to Boston wth M^r Knill, discoursed M^r Newton about his busines: also Comitted to M^r Newton y^e prosecuting M^r Pool's bonds at next Court, I gave him 12^s

M! Sheafe promised to com over to me this week. & if M! Ellis did not, he would make up w! I had already rec.d of M! Ellis 30° for ye writings drawn betw. them.

Dec. 1 Tuesday, a moderate day, raine at night, little or no wind.

2 Wedensday, Wind at N. E. Rain & snow. & much rain at night, blew hard.

M. Knill [This line is written in cypher; and for a translation by our associate, Mr. Upham, see his letter printed below.]

¹ NEWTONVILLE, MASS., Jan. 16, 1892.

DR. SAMUEL A. GREEN:

MY DEAR SIR, — The short-hand in Hammond's Journal, which you asked me to decipher, differs from any I have ever met with. Among the twenty or

Mary Martin came this day to our House to Dwell.

6 Good, moderate weather till day; w^{ch} was cold & still; in y^c night Raine & m^{ch} winds at E & S. E. M. Jonath. Russel preached this afternoon in Joh. 1, 12.

7 a faire day, wind at N. W. moderate weather.

8 Tuesday, wind at N. & N. E. a moderate, still day, Rain all night, wind at E & S E.

This Afternoon M. Dudley came over & wth him, Capt floxcraft & Capt Davis; M. Graves, Capt Sprague, Capt Hunting, M. Jn. flowle & myselfe treated yth at Sumers wth a Glass of Wine, Majt Hinchman, came to Town this Evening & was in ye Company.

9 Wedensday, Wind at N. E. Rain all day. cleer night. Wind at NW.

10 Thursday, fair, moderate day, wind at S. W.

11 fryday, fair, moderate day, wind at S. W.

Jnº Pullen came in from Jamaica; Wm Gerish wth him.

Mr Newton & Mr Pool came over to me; Mr Pool proposed to pay £38, money & 20° Mr Newton's fees for a final issue. I told him if ye Women concerned wd accept it, I wd be satisfyed, & wd give Mr Newton a speedy accel therof. I accordingly spake wth Mr Long & Mr Tuck, who did both accept his proposals.

12 from this day to ye 17th moderate weather & som Raine.

18 Tho. Gilbert saild for Jamaica. Wind at N. W. blew hard, a flight of snow, cold weather.

19 Saturday, wind at W. & W & by N. blew hard, faire weather & cold.

28 W^m Gerrish, shipped on a sloop, bound for Mountserrat. Edw. Loyd M! at 40 \ 7 mense.

January 22 Cap! Dolbury arrived at Cape Cod from London, Rob! Orchard a passenger in him, came to Boston by Land ye 26th day. brought not one Letter with him from on board, sent from London. a £re to Coll. page from ye Mr, he brought, weh informs yt Sr Wm Phipps is coming Gen!! Gov! over all ye territory from ye East end of Newyork to ye West end of Newfoundland. yt ffoy & Quelsh & Bant are taken Bob. Orchard tells ye same; ye News of ye Gov! they reed at plime 6 weekes passage from plyme, yt Ware & Gillam came out with them

more short-hand alphabets existing before 1692 the only one that furnishes a clew is that of Thomas Skelton, 1650, which is the same, substantially, as that of Elisha Coles, 1674. A few of the characters are double consonants or arbitrary symbols not given in the alphabet, so that their meaning can only be conjectured. What is doubtful is given within brackets. Using Skelton's alphabet, I make the entries to read as follows:—

1691, Dec. 2. "M; Knill [th]is m[or]ning told me [at our] h[ou]s[e]: t[hat] he was sur[e] he sh[ou]ld n[ot] liv[e] 30 da[y]s mor[e]: he was in a pa[y]ing: to [save] being [attached ?]"

1694, May 8. "Jos. Arnald for Antigua." —— mistris ha[]d went down to Nanasket:—"

1694, June 24. "myself presenting her to [him] to be baptized."

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM P. UPHAM.

January 14 A Fast thro' the Colonie by order of Gen Court,

24 Sabbath day morning sayled sundry Vessels from Nantasket, among whom, Barachiah Arnold & Edw. Loyd for Mountserrat.

25 York at ye Eastward, Attaqued by French & Indians, most of ye Town burnt; 140 persons, missing, about 40 found killd & buryed by Cap! filood & his Company, who lay in pay at pascataq, when this ruine befell York, & went After ye mischiefe was don, to bury ye dead. Mr. Shubal Dummer, Minister of ye Town found cut in pieces.

Febr. 15 My Daughter Elizabeth Peirson was delivered of a son,

in Boston.

S! W^m Temple in a Treatise of his, thus describes King W^m of England. He is a prince of great firmnes to w! he promises or denies; He speaks little but thinks much; Ambitious to be great; a prince of great vertues & no apparent Vices.

23 Rain began in ye night, & continued all ye week, more or less to

rain wth much wind betw. ye S. E & N. E.

28 Likewise much rain & wind. Som raine ye 29th also.

March 1 Wind at N. W. & cleare weather.

These raines, wth y^e Violent sudden melting of y^e snow in y^e Wildernes caused such a sudden & Violent flood y! hath done abundance of damage in most parts of y^e Country, carrying away bridges, Mills &c. Connecticut river 3 f! higher yⁿ ever it was known before, destroyed m^{ch} Cattel in y^e meadows, carryed away som Houses. & washed away in many places y^e very land wth y^e English graine sown m it.

Febr. 25 My Daughter Abigail [widow of Lnke Greenough] was

marryed, before Mr Sewell to Mr James Whippo of Barnstable.

March 1 My wife & I set out on Horsback wth son & Daughter Whippo for Barnstable, but at Roxbury were informed y^e waters were so high & wayes so had we could not pass. We returned to Boston.

2 We took passage in a Sloop, Sam. Allen Main ye morning, but ye wind being contrary we put into Cunnihasset [Cohasset] & landed

there at night; from thence we travaild by land

7 & arrived at Barnstable on Munday night ye 7th instant.

19 My wife & I set out from Barnstable came to Sandwich, staid ye Sabbath, lodged at Mr Prince's.

21 We came to plimouth, lodged at Mr Cottons.

22 We came to Braintree, lodged at Mr fisks.

23 We came safe home, thro' Gods mercy.

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Apr. 18 Susanna Burrage came to us to serve for wages at 4^{\pm} annũ.

Parson Gerish first went to School to Mr Emerson.

21 M! Steph: Codman's sloop launched, built by M! Row.

29 M. Jn. ffoster arrived from Barbadoes.

May 3 Mr Dudley arrived from N. York.

4 An Election held at Boston, y° only change made, was, M' W^m Johnson of Wooburn left ont & Maj' Jn° Richards taken in.

11 Capt Elisha Bennet's ship was launched by Edwd Johnson.

14 S. W. Phipps arrived in ye Evening (being Saturday) in ye Nonsuch ffriggot, Cap! Staples in a Hakeboat in Compay, & a french prize by ye taken on Newfoundland-banks, loaden we Sugar, bound for france from Martinico.

of Charlestown, attended S^r W^m to y^e Townhouse where his Comission was read, to be Capt Genⁿ & Gov^r in chiefe over Massachusets & plimouth; & y^e Kings Lient over y^e militia in Connecticut, Road Iland & province of New-Hampshire. Likewise M^r Stoton's Comission to be Lient or Deputy Gov^r & y^e Kings Deputy Lient over y^e militia &c. M^r Addington Secretary included in y^e Gov^r Comission, as likewise all y^e Council. M^r Stoughton gave y^e oath to y^e Gov! as by Comission he was appointed y^e Secretary gave y^e oath to M^r Stoughton & y^e Council, such as were present.

26 Publike Fast held by order of ye Governm!

 $24~{\rm M}^{\rm rs}$ Cary, wife of Nath. Cary, Committed to Cambridge prison, & put in Irous, upon suspition of witchcraft.

Coppy of a Warr! for an Assembly.

St. W^m Phipps Ku^t Capt. Gen!! & Gov. in chiefe of their Maj^{ties}
province of y^e Massachusets Bay in N. E. in America.
To y^e Constables or Constable of Charles town, Greeting.

These are in yr Majties Names Wm & Mary by ye grace of God of Engld, Scotland, France & Ireland K & Q: &c. to will & require you, upon reet hereof, forthwth to assemble at such time & place as you shall appoint, ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye st. Town & place, qualifyed as in & by his Majties Royal Charter for setling of ve Governmt of st province is directed, yt is to say, such as have an Estate of freehold in land within ye sd province or Territory to ye Value of 40's Tannu at least, or other Estate to ye Value of 40" sterl: to Elect & depute two psons & no more to serve for & represent y." in a great or Gen^{ll} Court or assembly for ye sd province, by me appointed to be convened, held & kept at ye Townhouse in Boston upon Wedensday ye 8th day of June next ensuing ye date hereof for their Majties Service; web person so Elected or deputed by ye major part of ye sd freeholders & other Inhabitants who shalbe present at ye st. Election, you are timely to Sumon to attend ye sd great & Genli Court or assembly ye day above prefixed by 9 in ye morning & make return of this writ wth yor doings therin under yor hand, into ye Secretary's Office ye day before ye sd Assembly's meeting; hereof fail not as you will answer

y^r neglect. Given under my hand & seal at Boston y^e 20th of May 1692, in y^e 4th year of their s^d Maj^{ties} Reign.

WM Phipps

June 1 The freeholders of Charlestown met to choose Assemblymen Major Phillips chosen Moderatour.

It was proposed by M! Graves to Enquire who had a right in Voting & yt a list of their names might be taken; but yt was not

approved. They were not willing to question any present.

The manner of Voting being discoursed, Mr. Graves proposed by polling according to ye way of England; but Voting by papers was preferred before it; Mr. Morton being ye Chiefe speaker, did wth great Vehemency (& as little prudence) inveigh agt ye manner of Choosing parliamt men in England, calling it prophane & wicked &c.

They carryed it by a Vote to choose by papers; & ye minor part of ye Voters present chose Jacob Green sen! & Sam. Phipps; above 40 Voters present refused to Vote in yt way, & so Voted not at all; many of whom refused to Vote, only because they carryed it in yt way. Divers freeholders we find were not warned to ye meeting so yt It is Judged an illegal choise.

2 A Court of Oyer & Terminer held at Salem this day, W^m Stoughton Esq. Judge, to try severall of those who are accused of Witchcraft.

3 An old Woman, wife of one Bishop of Salem (her name was for-

merly Olliver) found guilty, & condemned to be hanged.

6 The Conception, a man of Warre Conanded by Capt Fairfax arrived here from Virginia, being ordered from Whitehall to guard this Coast, as he shall receive orders from ye Governor. She is a french prize, a 5th Rate, 32 guns

8 The Assembly Convened at Boston.

ye Condemned woman was this day hangd 10 Capt Sprague myselfe & divers others of our Town, went down to ye Ilands in Steph. Codman's Sloop, we came up in ye Afternoon, & ye Sloop & men Arms & Ammunition belonging to her were Impressed for ye Kings service.

11 Tho: Het sen! went up in Edw. Johnson's Cannoo towds ye Oyster banks near Cambridge River to get Oysters; he fell out of ye Cannoo, about ye point of marsh belonging to M! Hills farm; none being wth him. M! Hill heard a man Hallow, & casting his eyes yt way, saw a Cannoo adrift & a man in ye water; he hastned to him wth his boat, & found him on ye flats drowned in not above 3 foot water, he took him up, & brought him to Town.

July 5 A fire began in y King's-Head Tavern in Boston, by Halsy's Wharf, betw 11 & 12 at night, weh destroyed

about 20 Dwelling Houses & Warehouses

6 Commencem^t day.

July 14 Publike Thanksgiving throughout ye province, by ord of Gov & Council

17 The Moon almost totally Ecclipsed.

19 Five persons Executed at Salem, being Convicted of Witchcraft.

20 I removed with my family to Capt Jn? Wing's House in Boston, at £12. Famuù Rent ye stable included.

12 Leat to Seth Sweetsir ye stable standing by ye House Rented

by Edwd Johnson in Charlestown, at 15/8 2 annũ.

Augst 3 Arrived Jn. Bolston from Jamaica, who brought ye tidings of ye amazing Earthquake at yt Hand, wherby ye whole Town of port Royal (Except ye back street) is sunk under water, & above 2000 Earthquak psons suddenly destroyed, not a House upon ye Hand, but is at Jamaica either down or greatly damnifyed, this hapned June 7th about noon, being tuesday, a faire, still day; ye Town all well, & sunk, being overflowed by ye sea in ye space of 2 or 3 minutes; 4 or 5 fathom water & in som places more now over ye Town.

4 A fast at ye North-Church in Boston.

12 A fast at Charlestown.

A post from pascataq, gives accol of ye arrival of ye Mast ships, wth a man of warr of forty odd guns, in whom M. Jn. Usher came, Lt Gov.

of yt province;

News from England, yt on ye 18th or 19th of May, ye English & french fleets Engaged; yt ye french was routed, about 23 of their Capital Ships burnt & sunk, where f ye Admiral & Vice admiral, of 104 guns a ps, ye rest most of 80 & 70 guns a ps, none under 60 guns. a little before this Engagemt, a grand plot was discovered, wherein several Lords & Gentlemen were concerned to bring in King James.

13 Capt Bozinger arrived in Boston, who came wth ye mast ships

from London.

11 Leat to Daniel of Boston Butcher, ye stable belonging to Cap^t Wings House, at 40/s † annũ. Rent to begin when put in repaire; M. Jno Fowl present at ye Agreem!

15 The Stable repaired, ye Rent began this day, being Munday

Sep! 5 M. Jn. Foster sailed for Barbadoes, being Munday, a fair wind continued till Thursday morning.

Sep! 16 Cap! Jnº Carter of Wooburn was buryed (who dyed of a feaver) the bearers were, Cap! W. Johnson. Cap! Jos. Lynde, Cap! Jer. Swain, Cap! Jnº Brown, Cap! Jonath. Danforth & myself. gloves to ye bearers.

17 The Governor saild for Pemiquid in ye sloop Mary.

ye 20th Mr Hough brought 2 doz. Candles.

19 Cap! Gilbert & Cap! Emes arrived from Canada river, they brought in wth ym a french prize, a Flyboat, Judged about 300 Tuns full of french Goods, taken in ye mouth of Canada, bound up ye River, from France, she is judged a Rich ship.

24 8 psons hanged at Salem, & one pressed to death som dayes before being Condemned about Witchery. 21 in all have been Executed at Salem since ye Court began.

26 I Rec! of Mrs Grace Ireland £12. 0. 0 in good $\bar{p}s$ of $\frac{\infty}{\varpi}$ for weh I gave her a Bond under my hand & Seale to pay to her Husband Mr Jns Ireland £12. 9. 6 in good & Lawfull money of N. E. on or before ye 26 of march next; she promised yt If they could spare it & I she desire it, I might have it another halfe yeare.

M' Jnº Ireland arrived from Nevis this Evening.

28 Capt Elisha Bennet sailed for Barbadoes & Capt Quelsh for Jamaica. They stopt at Nantasket.

29 The Governor arrived from Pemiquid.

Oct. 8 A Rainy day Wind at N. cleer night & a hard frost, wind N. W. 9 Sabbath day, Wind at N. W. a very cold day.

1st snow 10 Snow in ye morning fair before noon, snow gone by Noon.

11 Maj^r Hinchman, lodged here this night, & desired quarters & lodging here till y^e Gen^{II} Assembly shall end. w^{ch} we granted

12 Gen! Assembly began; Cap! Goodenow, began to Quarter here this night on ye same occasion wth Maj! Hinchman.

15 Maj; Hinehman went home after dinner. Cap! Goodenow staid here.

30 The Man of Warre & Mast Ships saild from Pascatq, Made Daniel & M. Woodgate went Passengers.

Dec. 2 Mr Thwing saild for Montserat.

3 Edw. Loyd saild for Montserat.

14 I rec^d a free from B. Parson, by one Monk, who arrived here ye 12th day. in it a Bill Exchange drawn by M. Anthony Hodges of Montserat for £36 5.0. payable to my Brother or order, by M. James Leblond of Boston at 10 ds sight I did ye same day present ye Bill to him, who p^d ye money on sight. It was signed by my Brother on ye back side.

15 M! James Berry Arrived from Jamaica, by whom we have yes ad News of M^r Clutterbucks death after his arrival at Jamaica, taken sick Sep! 24. dyed ye 29th Also of ye continuance of ye Earthquake, & a dreadfull mortality about 4000 dead since ye Earthquake, besides those yt perished by it. Computed about 2000 persons.

13 Tuesday: Betty Palladay came home from M. Taylors & Betty Gerrish went to M. Taylor's in her place.

19 Cap! Emes in ye Flyboat S! Jacob sailed for Salturtootha [Sal Tortugas].

20 M. Jos. Lynde saile l in his Ketch for Salturtootha.

19 Capt James Thomas Sailed for Barbadoes.

21 In ye Evening, about 6 of ye Clock, a fiery meteor blazed wth a great light, sending from it 7 or 8 distinct balls of fire, shooting from ye West towds ye S. E. as Capt Benja Gillam & Capt Eldridge have affirmed who diligently observed it & say ye light continued about 2 minutes M! Sheafe is my Authour, who told me he recd this account.

from ye abovenamed persons; it was also Visible to all yt were out of

their Houses in ye open Aire.

22 Accot of y° death of M. Jn° Russell of Hadley, who Sickned & dyed in or about one houres time; he was Minister of y' Towne. y° day of his death was on the day of this instant December.

March 12 Cap! Gilbert Bant arrived from London.

19 Cap! Jose arrived from London.

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April 22 Capt Emms in Ship St Jacob arrived wth Salt from Xuma

[Exuma]. Nath. Green arrived from Barbadoes.

18 Indians are supposed this day to have murthered a man & 2 children & to have Carryed away a Woman & a boy at Lampereele river, ye dead being found, & ye others missing, but none of ye House left to give any accot

May 8 Six persons, men, Women & Children murthered by Indians

at York near pascato.

10 My wife returned from Wenham, whether I carryed her Apr. 28th

12 M; W^m Thwing arrived from Montserat.

14 M! Stretton arrived from Montserat.

17 Edw. Loyd in Ship prosperous arrived from Nevis.

Five ħħ^{ds} sugar 4 Br parsons, one W^m Gerish's landed out of Stretton into Mr Cooper's Warehouse.

Six Tierces sugar B! Parsons out of Thwing landed & put into M; Lillies Warehouse.

23 Mr Hall & Mr Rankin came in from Xuma.

I weighed to M. Tho. Cooper 4 $\hbar\hbar^{ds}$ B. parson's & one $\hbar\hbar$ W. Gerrish's Sugar.

24 Mr Richd Foster came in from Salturtootha.

25 This morning betw. 12 & one, a fire broke out in Boston, in ye Lane opposite to Halsy's Wharfe, it began in one Holt's House a Baker. & proceeded up^{ds} ye lane, one House being blown up below & Giles Fyfields house above stopt it (wth Gods blessing) so as to burn down only 3 houses, we with 2 blown up 5 in all were destroyed, how this fire was first kindled, is not known; In blowing up one House David Edwth Arm was brok; & one Whitterige a stout Seaman so bruised ythe is said this day to be near death, this was don by ye fall of timbers upon them.

June 11 Their Maj^{ties} Fleet consisting of about 17 Saile of Men of Warre & Tenders, under y^e Comand of S. Fra: Wheeler General, arrived here from Martinico.

July 5 Commencem^t

6 A Fast at the old Church.

August 2 S' Francis Wheeler & ye fleet sailed hence. 1694

April 2 Major Jnº Richards of Boston dyed suddenly, being in

health (to appearance) a moment before: being opened his Vitals appeared Very sound.

April 6 Maj' Richards was buryed at y° North burying place with the foot Regiment attending the funeral.

9 S. W. Phips Sailed from Boston in a Brigantine bound to the Eastward.

22 Capt Benja Gillam Command of Ship Prudt Sarah, arrived here from London.

30 Raine began, being Munday, Wind at E. & N. E. continued till Thursday foll. much Raine fell in y^e time Little or no Raine having fallen in a month before.

May 7 Dr. Daniel Allen, a true Lover of his Country & most Loyal to the Crown of England, Learned, Wise, Humble pious, most true to his friend, the approved, able and beloved physician &c. Sickned Saturday the 28th day of April in ye night, and dyed this day being Munday, to the universall griefe of all good men who were acquainted with his worth.

8 Jnº Tenny & M. Bishop sailed for Montserat

Jaris for Nevis.

Jos. Arnald for Antigna. [The rest of this line is in cypher; and for a translation, see note, page 18, ante.]

9 Dr Allen buryed.

6 Capt Horton in ship Tryal who came out in Company with Capt Gillam arrived this day.

4 M^r Brenton set out for Road-Iland, a privatier one Capt Too, arrived there April 28th with much treasure ye Dep. Collect Seized ye Sloop, & gave notice of it to ye Collect web occasioned his going thither.

May 10 Mrs Jose went towd Pascataq, this day, her son Richard Lee sent to our House, there to stay till her return.

23 Sr Wm Phipps arrived from pemiquid.

June 2 Mrs Jose returned.

12 Eclips of the sun, a clear day.

Capt Wing sent his Daughter to Warn me out of his house

19 Cap! Dagget saild for London.

22 Jn? Phillips & his Br Sam, philips saild in a sloop for Bristoll.

Gen!! Court adjourned to ye first Wedensday in 7ber.

16 My Daughter Abigail wife of James Whippo delivered of a Son at Barnstable about Noon, ye next day baptized by ye name of Laurence.

24 My Daughter Elizabeth wife of Tho. Pierson delivited of a Daughter, who was Baptized Elizabeth by M. Morton the first day of July foll. at Charlestown [A line in cypher; and for a translation, see note, page 18, ante.]

 $\begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ 26 \end{bmatrix}$ Gen^[] Training at Charlestown.

July 18 In yo morning a little before day, The Indians fell upon &

destroyed y° Village called Oyster river [Durham] in y° province of New Hampshire, Killed above 50 persons, & many Carried away, & burnt most of y° Houses.

2 or 3 dayes after a party came down within 2 miles of Strawberry bank [Portsmouth, N. H.], & Killd y° Widow of M. Jn. Cutt & a Negro man, & wounded another negro;

20 Sr Wm Phips Sailed in ye Galley to ye Eastward.

27 The Indians Set upon Groton burnt 2 Houses, kild 22 persons found dead, 13 more missing, they were pursued by about 100 Horse but they returned without finding them.¹

Augst 2 S. W. Phips returned home from Pemaquid. Indians all

gon from those parts. &c.

Wind at N. E. & E. cloudy & misty all night, foggy in the morning, weh soon turnd to raine; We had abundance of raine this day by many great showers with thunder & Lightning, ye raine continued more or less all night.

4 The sun shined a little this morning; but ye clouds returned, & it rained very often in ye day, at Evening ye raine set in againe & con-

tinued all night with a very great Storm of Wind at N. E.

5 Sabbath day a clear, hot, sunshine day. This raine is Judged very seasonable for ye grass & Indian Corn weh in many places was Languishing for want of Raine

This Evening Cap! Fox's child was baptized (named John) by M! Hatten at Cap! Fox's House, Godfathers M! Ja: La-blond & M! Sherloe Godmother the Wife of M! Tippet.

M^r: Fox was delivered July 29th about 6 o clock in y^e morning being y^e last Sabbath.

7 Eben: Orton & Tho: Fowler this day signed Covents ye sd orton to build the sd Fowler a Barque at Hingham, according to ye Covents agreed on; I drew ye Writings, & met the parties at ye Exchange Tavern betw: one & two afternoon, ye writings being signed, Sealed & delivred in ye prence of M. Sam. Shrimpton & myself Witnesses; the sd Fowler paid Said Orton £20.0.0 in good ps of eight went of the sd Orton recd of him in my presence. I left them at ye sd Tavern; towards night, ye sd Eben: Orton & his wife went on board a Sloop bound for Hingham, but having saild part of ye way ye wind not faire, they returned towds Boston, & came near ye shoar on ye south side of the Town, & there ye boom struck sd Orton overboard, & he was there drowned, this was about nine at night; the next morning he was found, wth ye money in his pocket.

¹ Judge Sewall, in his Diary (Mass. Hist. Coll. 5th series, vol. v. p. 391), says in regard to this assault: "Friday, July 27. Groton set upon by the Indians, 21 persons kill'd, 13 captivated, 3 badly wounded"; and the Reverend John Pike, in his Journal (Proceedings, vol. xiv. p. 128), has the following: "July 27. The enemy fell upon Groton abt day-break, killed 22 persons & Captivated 13."

August 8 Their Maj^{ties} Galley Called the Newport, and Capt Jnop Foy arrived from England this day; they parted with another Friggot & two Masts ships bound for pascatq, the 4th instant. Capt Packston Comands the Galley.

Cap! Sewell & Maj! Townsend departed hence for Newyork ye 6th instant, to meet wth Colonel Pinchon who are here appointed to Joyn wth Colonel Fletcher in a treaty with the Maques [Mohawks] about a firm peace.

April 7th 1691.

Then Received of Laur. Hammond, by the order of Abigail Rogers of Billerica, One Deed of sale, of 12 Acres & ½ of land lying in Charlestowne, from John Cutler sen! of Charlestown, to William Rogers, sonn of William Rogers late of Charlestown decd under ye hand & seal of ye said John Cutler, bearing date ye 20th day of June 1690, in presence of Nathaniel Dowse & Laur. Hammond, Witnesses. I say recd by me.

1677 A memoriall of Mortality, being an Accot of the Death's of Persons in New-England, concerning went some remarkable Circumstances attend the same, & Especially of such growne persons who have dyed in Charlestowne; begining with ye yeare 1677.

March 17 Dr Sam. Alcock, of Boston, after long languishing, Dyed.

May 14 Mr David Anderson, Commander of Ship Blessing, bound
home from London, dyed neer this land, buryed on shore at his funeral,
24 Guns fired from ye ship & 12 fro ye Towne

June 15 Francis Willoughby, youngest son of Fra. Willoughby Esq., coming from London in Cap^t Jenner, dyed at sea, wth y^c smallpox.

July 17 Two men kild by Lightning, one at Topsfield & another at Wenham.

July 18 Skipper How returned, after a wonderfull preservation at Sea, five persons dying on board & upon a desolate Hand upon w^{ch} he was cast, all perishing Except himselfe.

Aug 5 M: Rich^d Sharp of Boston, who came in well from sea on y^e 2^d instant, dyed of a viol^t distemper, poyson suspected.

6 M^r Jn^o Lake of Boston, dyed, whose will M^r Sharp aforenamed wrot y^c 4th instant; but dyed before y^c Testato.

27 Isaac Foul's Daughter about 4 yeares old, was Drowned in Josh. Edmund's well.

28 Tom my Negro-man, dyed wth the smallpox.

Sept! 9 Win Willoughby, dyed of the small-pox.

Mr Jos. Brown's Negro-woman, Rose, dyed of ye small-pox.

13 Tho. Mousal's wife dyed of a feaver &c.

21 John Edmunds, dyed of a consumption.

22 John Candag's daughter dyed of ye smallpox.

28 Mr Jnº Anderson of Boston, Shipwright, dyed.

Oct. 8 Phebe Richardson, of Cap! Hinchman's family, dyed of you small-pox.

10 Acco! brought of the death of M^r Benj^a Gibbs, late of boston slaine by his own Indian in y^e bay of Campech.

11 Mrs Rawson, the wife of Mr Edw. Rawson, after some time of sicknes, dyed.

15 The wife of Lieut Ted, after long sieknes, dyed.

17 The maid of Mr Tho. Graves in this Towne, dyed of ye smallpox.

Nov. 6 Ensign W^m Fletcher of Chelmsford, dyed of Gripings. 12 Sarah Tredway, M^r Graves other maid, dyed of y^e smallpox.

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16 John Tomlin of Boston, under discontent, Hanged Himselfe.

 $20~{\rm Good\bar{m}}.$ Williams of Boston, an aged man, cut his owne throat & dyed.

M^r Mather this day informed me, that in Plimouth Colonie, about a month agoe, an English Woman, said to have had 19 children, & wth child of y^e 20th & two Indians, murthered themselves.

25 Jnº Upham, a Sojourn^r at Jnº Mousal's, dyed of ye Smallpox.

28 Jnº Dowse of Charlestowne, dyed of ye Smallpox.

Decemb. 9 W. Johnson, an aged man of Charlestowne, dyed.

10 Tho. Larkin, dyed of ye Small-pox.

Jnº Dexter of Malden shot by Capt Sam. Hunting of Charlestown whereof he dyed, it was by accident done ye last week.

12 A new borne child found in Boston-Dock, weh had been murthered.

16 W. Sheaf's wife, dyed of ye Smallpox.

22 Mr Tho. Shepard, ye Reverend & super-Eminent Teacher of this church, dyed of ye small-pox.

29 John Poor's wife dyed of ye smallpox.

The Mate of a Ketch, under saile in Boston Harbour, fell overboard & was drowned.

Janua: 1 Jnº Burrage Junior, dyed of yº small-pox.

2 W" Brown Senior, his child, dyed of ye smallpox.

7 Zeeh. Foule, dyed of the small-pox.

16 D. Sam. Brackenbury of Boston, dyed of ye smallpox.

17 M. Norton, widow of M. Jno Norton of Boston, dyed of an Appoplexy.

Mr Alex. Adams, of Boston, dyed ye 15th instant.

18 Mary Keyes, Nath. Frothingham's maid, dyed of ye small-pox.

22 Mrs Howard, Maj. Willard's daughter & Nath. Howard's wife, dyed.

30 Mary, ye widow of Zech. Foule, died of ye small-pox.

Febr. 6 M! Antho. Checkly's wife of Boston, dyed, being in trouble of mind refused to eat.

17 Jnº Larkin, after 13 weekes illnes of ye smallpox &c. dyed.

28 Deborah Long, daughter of Mich. Long, dyed of ye smallpox.

March 8 Old Father Jones, near 90 yeares of age, dyed.

10 Mr Jos. Lynde's Indian dyed of ye smallpox.

18 Jn° Bacon's child dyed of ye smallpox.

Old widow Cutler dyed wth Distempers of old age.

March 20 Jnº Bacon's wife dyed.

25 Hannah Kettle, daughter of Jos Kettle dyed of the smallpox.

April 4 Jn.º Lowden, who hath stood for some time Excomunicated, dyed.

5 M: Josiah Allen, a Merch! in Boston, being on board Cap! Benj. Gillam's great ship, was shot to death by a fouling piece, accidentally firing in a boat, going off ye ship side.

7 Jnº Newel's child dyed of ye smallpox.

Jnº Bacon, dyed of ye smallpox.

13 Nath. Rand's wife, dyed of ye small pox.

18 Widow Barret's child dyed of ye smallpox.

Mr Newman, Minister at Rehoboth, dyed since this month began.

26 Tho. Tarbal 1 dyed of ye smallpox.

29 M^r Hayman's Negro man, dyed; He well on Saturday forenoone, Drunk in y^e Afternoone, taken wth an Exceeding swelling in & about his Cods on y^e Sabbath, & dyed ys morn^g

May 1 Mr Sam. Ballat's wife dyed of ye small-pox.

Sarah Osburne dyed of ye smallpox.

9 M. Jos. Browne (lately removed hence to Boston) dyed, having been for some time ill.

13 Mr Jnº Lake's widow dyed in Boston of ye smallpox;

17 Mrs Starre, formerly Gatliefe of Boston, dyed of ye small-pox.

23 W^m Goose, Junior dyed at Sea on board one Johnson, coming from London, the ship came in this day; he dyed of y^c smallpox.

28 Ezek. Hamblin's child, dyed of ye smalipox.

30 Ezek. Hamblin's child (viz. another) dyed of ye smallpox.

Sarah Sawyer, M^r Green's maid, dyed of y^e smallpox, or pestilentiall feaver, in a strange manner; it was on y^e 29th instant.

June 6 Sam. Carter Junior, dyed of ye smallpox.

9 Ursula Cole, ye wife of Jno Cole sent dyed of a feaver.

11 Old Goodm Tarbal, & ye wife of Jno Cole Jun! & her child born yesterday, dyed of ye small pox.

18 Newes of a Woman & two children murthered by Indians about New-London.

¹ Thomas Tarbell, Jr., a former resident of Groton, but who after the destruction of that town by the Indians on March 13, 1676, had removed to Charlestown. Thomas, the father, died seven weeks later, also at Charlestown, on June 11; and they both were original proprietors of Groton.

June 19 Three Indians of Natik kild by y^c Mohawkes, & divers captiv'd.

30 Capt Tho. Clerk, Ironmonger in Boston dyed. July 4 Mr Timo. Symmes dyed of ye small-pox.

15 Mrs Marshal, wife of Mr W. Marshal, dyed of ye smallpox.

Aug. 6 Henry Swaine's wife dyed of ye smallpox.

The following receipts are of interest, as showing the crude ideas that prevailed more than two centuries ago, here and elsewhere, in regard to medical therapeutics.

PHYSICAL RECEIPTS.

FOR COMFORTING THE HEAD & BRAINE.

Take Rosemary & Sage of both sorts of both, wth flowers of Rosemary if to be had, & Borage wth y^c flowers. Infuse in Muscadine or in good Canary 3 dayes, drink it often.

The fat of a Hedg-hog roasted drop it into the Eare, is an Excel-

lent remedy against deafnes.

Also a Clove of Garlick, make holes in it, dip it in Honey, & put it into the Eare at night going to bed, first on one side, then on the other for 8 or 9 dayes together, keeping in y^c Eares black wooll.

AN EXCELLENT WATER FOR YE EYES.

Take Sage, Fennel, Vervain, Bettony, Eyebright, Celandine, Cinquefoyle, Herb of grass, pimpernel, Steep them in White wine one night, distill all together, & use the water to wash the Eyes.

The juice of Eyebright is Excellent for ye sight.

ANOTHER.

Take good White wine, Infuse Eyebright in it 3 dayes, then Seeth it wth a little Rosemary in it, drink it often, it is most Excellent to restore & Strengthen the sight. Also Eate of the powder of Eyebright in a new layd Egge rare roasted every morning.

ANOTHER.

Take Fennel, Anniseed & Elicompaine, dry & powder them, mix it with good Nants-brandy, & dry it againe: Every morning & Evening eate a pretty quantity—it is Excellent for y° sight.

A Medicine to recover y^E Colour & Complexion when lost by Sicknes.

Take two quarts of Rosewater red, take five pounds of clean White Wheat, put it into y° Rosewater, Let it Lie till the Wheate hath soaked up all y° Liquor, then take the Wheat & beat it in a mortar all to mash.

Nettle Seeds bruised & drank in White Wine is Excellent for the Gravel.

FOR HOARSNES.

Take 3 or 4 figs, cleave them in two, put in a pretty quantity of Ginger in powder, roast them & Eate them often.

FOR THE PALSEY.

Take a pint of good Mustard, dry it in y° Oven till it be as thick as a pudding, then dry it over a Chafing dish of Coales till it may be beaton to powder mix wth it a handfull of powder of Bettony leaves, put som Sugar to it & Eate it every morning.

FOR THE MEGRUM.

Mugwort & Sage a handfull of each, Camomel & Gentian a good quantity, boyle it in Honey, & apply it behind & on both sides y^c Head very warm, & in 3 or 4 times it will take it quite away.

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